

These Revised Draft Vision and Goal Statements shown below can be modified if needed during the planning process, until the time when the Natural Resources Board approves the Master Plan.

Revised Draft Vision Statement and Goals Governor Thompson State Park

Vision Statement

Governor Thompson State Park provides opportunities for public recreation and education in a rustic, forested setting. The park and its resources are managed for present and future generations to provide a broad range of ecological, cultural, social and economic benefits within its capabilities. The generally undeveloped and scenic character of the shorelines and forested uplands provide the State Park an atmosphere of solitude, reflection and learning while promoting the continued tradition of a statewide system of parks and open spaces. The park provides the best possible service to park visitors and its partners.

Goals

1. Provide and maintain a variety of high quality native communities and habitats within the ecological capabilities of the site for public enjoyment, education and ecological benefits.
2. Identify and protect rare, threatened and endangered species and areas of geological, archaeological and cultural significance.
3. Manage shoreline zones for a natural appearance and the protection and enhancement of aquatic resources.
4. Provide a variety of seasonal and year-round camping opportunities in partnership with nearby county and private campgrounds.
5. Provide a range of seasonal and year-round non-motorized recreational opportunities that preserve the atmosphere of solitude, reflection and learning, with facilities ranging from primitive to comfortable rustic-styled modern.
6. Establish compatible, mutually supportive programs and infrastructure with the Peshtigo River State Forest and other partners for resource protection, education and recreation management.
7. Provide recreational access to Caldron Falls Flowage, Woods Lake and Huber Lake.
8. Prevent or minimize conflict among different types of recreational uses and among various types of park uses and park management activities.
9. Acquire additional land for reasons of resource protection, critical development needs, access, boundary protection, boundary continuity, or protection from non-compatible uses.
10. Limit overall park development to no more than 15% of the total area.
11. Manage the deer herd on the property when necessary by controlled hunting methods.

Revised Draft Vision Statement and Goals Peshtigo River State Forest

Vision Statement

The Peshtigo River State Forest is a healthy, dynamic forest, which contributes to the diversity of natural communities in the region. The forest and its resources are managed for present and future generations to provide a broad range of ecological, cultural, social and economic benefits within its capabilities. The natural scenic beauty of the Peshtigo River and its flowages is perpetuated by maintaining a predominately undeveloped shoreline. Compatible recreational opportunities are provided consistent with the scenic beauty and natural settings found within its forestland and along the river and its flowages.

Goals

1. Manage the forest and its resources using principles of ecosystem management and sustainable forestry consistent with the ecological capability of the land.
2. Identify and protect rare, threatened and endangered species and areas of geological, archaeological, or cultural significance.
3. Maintain and enhance the natural, undeveloped scenic qualities of the state forest, especially those areas visible from the Peshtigo River and its flowages.
4. Protect and enhance the aquatic resources of the forest.
5. Provide a variety of quality outdoor recreational activities with a focus on non-motorized trail uses, primitive camping, and water access.
6. Continue links with the existing regional motorized trail network while maintaining environmental quality and harmony with other forest users.
7. Establish compatible, mutually supportive programs and infrastructure with Governor Thompson State Park and other partners for resource protection, education and recreation management.
8. Prevent or minimize conflict among different types of recreational uses and among various types of forest uses and management activities.
9. Acquire additional land for reasons of resource protection, critical development needs, access, boundary protection, boundary continuity, or protection from non-compatible uses.
10. Provide opportunities and access for hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing.
11. Provide for a variety of renewable forest products, wildlife habitats and a diversity of terrestrial and aquatic communities consistent with the ecological capabilities of the land and water.